14th JANUARY, 1803.

Read the first and second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Tuesday next.

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Additional to and amendatory of an act, intituled, "An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington, in the district of Columbia."

- 1 Be it enaced, by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America, in Congress affembled,
- 3 That the eleventh fection of "An act to incorporate the inhabi-
- 4 tants of the city of Washington, in the district of Columbia," shall
- 5 be, and the same is hereby repealed.
- SECT. 2. And be it further enacted, That the council of the city
- 2 of Washington, shall, from and after the next annual election, con-
- 3 fift of eighteen members, refidents of the city and citizens of the
- 4 United States, and who are twenty-one years of age or upwards,
- 5 to be equally divided into two separate chambers, and who are

- hereafter to be elected by two distinct tickets on the first Monday 6 7 in May annually, by the free white male inhabitants of full age, who have refided fix months in the faid city: - That a majority of 8 each chamber shall be a quorum, but a smaller number may ad-9 journ from day to day :- that the prefidents of the first and second 10 chambers, shall have a right to vote on all questions in their ref-11 pective chambers; and in case of an equal division, including the 12 vote of the prefident, he shall then be entitled to an additional or 13
- casting vote. 14 SECT. 3. And be it further enacted, That immediately after 1 counting the votes of every election, the justices or judges of such 2 election shall furnish each chamber, through its president, with a 3 fair and correct list of the names of all the candidates or persons 5 voted for fuch chamber, at fuch election, together with the num-6 ber of votes given to each; and that in case of any vacancy in either of the faid chambers, the candidate or person voted for such 7 chamber, being otherwife qualified by law, who is next highest on 8 the polls to those actually elected at the last preceding election, 9 shall succeed to the vacancy; and it shall be the duty of the cham-19 11 ber in which any vacancy may occur, forthwith to notify the fucceeding candidate of his fuccession, which notification shall be a 12 fufficient authority for him to take his feat as a member in that 13 chamber for which he was nominated, and by which he shall be 14 so notified: Provided always, That in case there shall be two or 15

- 16 more fuch candidates who had an equality of votes for the cham-
- 17 ber in which fuch vacancy may occur, that chamber shall have
- 18 the right to choose one of them to fill such vacancy.
- 1 Sect. 4. And be it further enacted, That no non-commissioned
- 2 officer or private, in the regular military or naval fervice, shall be
- 3 entitled to vote for members of the city council.
- 1 Sect. 5. And be it further enacted, That the corporation of the
- 2 city of Washington, shall have full power and authority, in addi-
- 3 tion to those heretofore granted, to regulate and superintend the
- 4 infpection of flour, tobacco and falted provisions; the gauging of
- 5 liquors, casks and vessels; the storage of gun-powder and all mili-
- 6 tary and naval stores, not the property of the United States; the
- 7 weight and quality of bread; the taxing, licensing, restraining or
- 8 prohibiting hawkers, tippling houses, horse-races, lotteries and all
- 9 kinds of gaming; to superintend the public health; to preserve
- 10 and improve the navigation of the Potomac and Anacostia rivers,
- 11 adjoining the city; and to regulate and superintend the erec-
- 12 tion and repairing of wharves, and the clearing and deepening of
- 13 docks and basons; to provide for the establishment and superin-
- 14 tendance of schools; that they shall have the exclusive power to
- 15 regulate and grant marriage licenses; to license and regulate or-
- 16 dinary keepers, retailers, pedlars and ferries, and to provide for
- 17 the poor of the city.

- 1 Sect. 6. And be it further enacted, That the levy court of the
- 2 county of Washington, shall not hereafter have any power or au-
- 3 thority to tax the inhabitants of the city of Washington, for the
- 4 fupport of the poor of faid county, or for county roads, bridges,
- 5 warehouses or courthouses:—And that the said court shall in no
- 6 inflance have right or authority to tax the inhabitants of faid city,
- 7 for any purpose whatsoever beyond one twentieth of one per cent,
- 8 according to the last preceding assessment made under the au-
- 9 thority of the city government.
- 1 Sect. 7. And be it further enacted, That the corporation of the
- 2 city of Washington, shall have power to provide, as circumstances
- 3 may require, for the appointment, by the mayor, of inspectors,
- constables and other officers necessary to execute their laws.
- 1 Sect. 8. And be it further enacted, That the interest of an in-
- 2 habitant of the city, arising from the circumstance of his residence
- 3 within the fame, shall be no bar to his competency as a witness in
- 4 courts of justice in cases in which the corporation may be a party.
- 1 SECT. 9. And be it further enacted, That for the establishment
  - 2 and support of schools within the city of Washington, there be, and
- 3 hereby is appropriated, the fum of dollars, to
- 4 be paid out of any monies in the treasury of the United States, not
- 5 otherwise appropriated; which sum shall be placed under the di-
- 6 rection of the city council.

- 1 SECT. 10. And be it further enacted, That fo long as the proper-
- 2 ty of the United States within the city of Washington, shall re-
- 3 main exempt from taxation, there shall be annually paid from the
- 4 treasury of the United States, to the treasury of the faid city for
- 5 the use thereof, the sum of dollars.
- 1 Sect. 11. And be it further anacted, That all laws or parts of
- 2 laws heretofore passed, which would in any manner interfere with,
- 3 counteract or defeat the provisions contained in this act, or any of
- 4 them, shall be, and hereby are repealed, so far as they relate to the
- 5 subjects of those provisions.

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